Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The arts and humanities enhance and enrich the lives of all Americans; and,

Whereas, The arts and humanities positively affect every aspect of life in America, including the economy, social service delivery, job creation, education, creativity, and community livability; and,

Whereas, The nation's 23,000 cultural organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the nation's 3,800 local arts agencies, the arts and humanities councils of the 56 states and U.S. Jurisdictions, and the president of the United States are encouraged to participate in this celebration; and,

Whereas, South Dakota is home to 300 local cultural organizations that attract an audience of 2 million people each year and involve over 15,000 artists and humanities scholars annually; and,

Whereas, The month of October has been recognized as National Arts and Humanities Month by thousands of arts and cultural organizations, communities, and states across the country, as well as the White House and Congress for more than a decade:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2005 as

ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

in South Dakota, and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote the arts.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State